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This is in response to the Pre-Appear Brief Rec	quest for Neview filed 11/2/2007.
1. Improper Request – The Request is reason(s):	improper and a conference will not be held for the following
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held. The application remains under appear is required to submit an appeal brief in according will be reset to be one month from many running from the receipt of the notice of approximately.	Is and Interferences – A Pre-Appeal Brief conference has been all because there is at least one actual issue for appeal. Applicant ordance with 37 CFR 41.37. The time period for filing an appeal ailing this decision, or the balance of the two-month time period peal, whichever is greater. Further, the time period for filing of the 136 based upon the mail date of this decision or the receipt date
 ☑ The panel has determined the state Claim(s) allowed: Claim(s) objected to: Claim(s) rejected: 1-40. Claim(s) withdrawn from consideration 	
3. Allowable application – A conferent Allowance will be mailed. Prosecution on the applicant at this time.	ce has been held. The rejection is withdrawn and a Notice of the merits remains closed. No further action is required by
4. Reopen Prosecution – A conference action will be mailed. No further action is a All participants:	e has been held. The rejection is withdrawn and a new Office required by applicant at this time. William BASHORE PRIMARY EXAMINER
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